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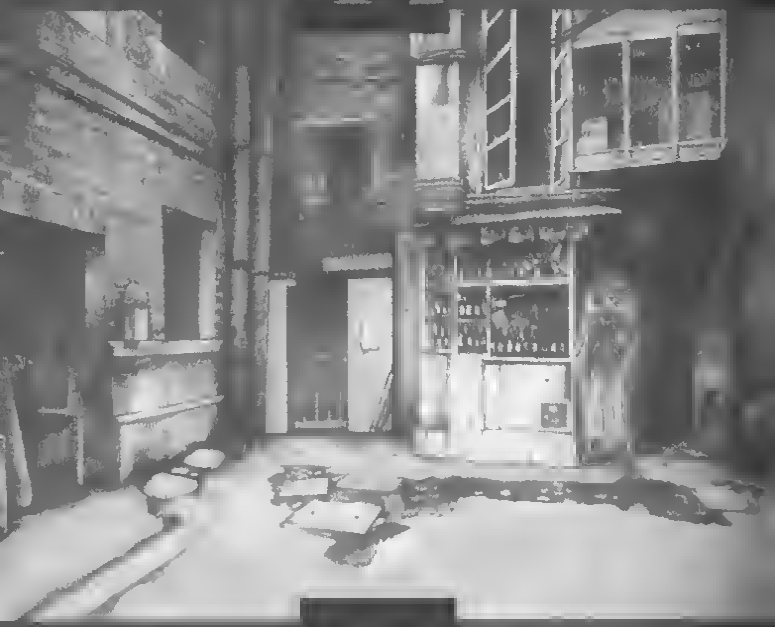

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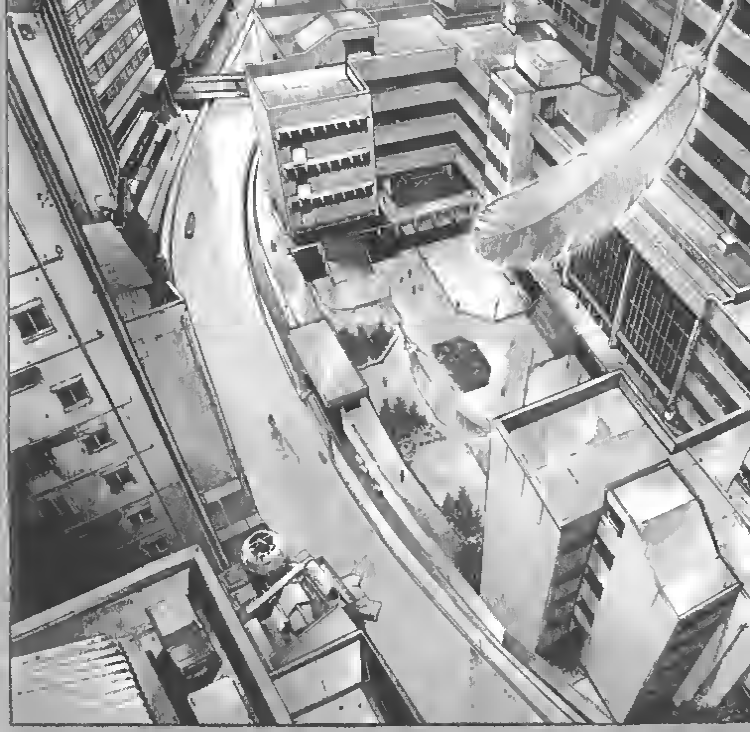
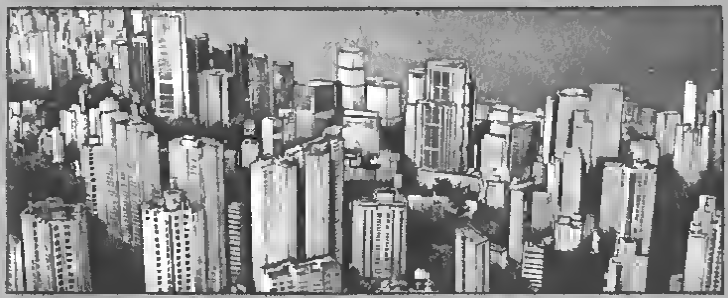
IT'S ALMOST TIME TO START AFTERNOON CLASSES
WHERE'S AI?
OH.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK TODAY SHE'S GOT THE ODDS AGAINST HER? LOOK, SHE'S SURROUNDED BY TEACHERS.
HEY, IT'S LIKE ALWAYS Y'KNOW, SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT HER FATHER'S RESEARCH LAB
HEEEEY!! SHE'S PLANNING TO SKIP OUT AGAIN!
AI'S OVER THERE

IT'S GONNA TAKE MORE THAN A FEW TEACHERS TO STOP AI!
THE MINUTE SHE GETS ON A JETBIKE IT'S ALREADY OVER, Y'KNOW.
BESIDES, ISN'T AI THE PROTOTYPE TEST DRIVER FOR THE HOTTEST MANUFACTURER OF JETBIKES, TURANDOT MOTORCO?





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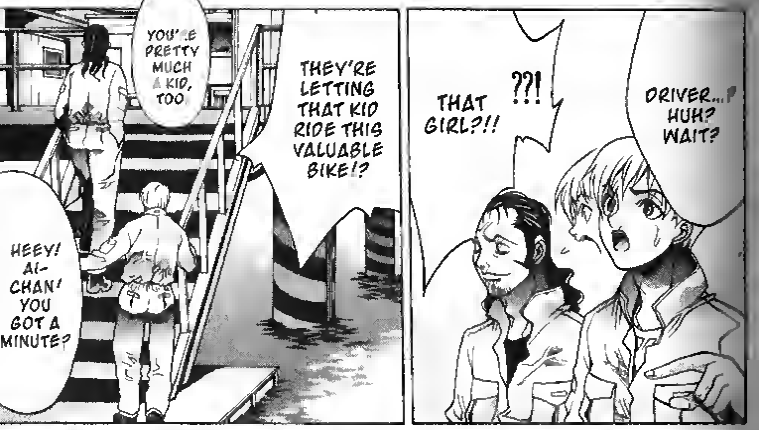
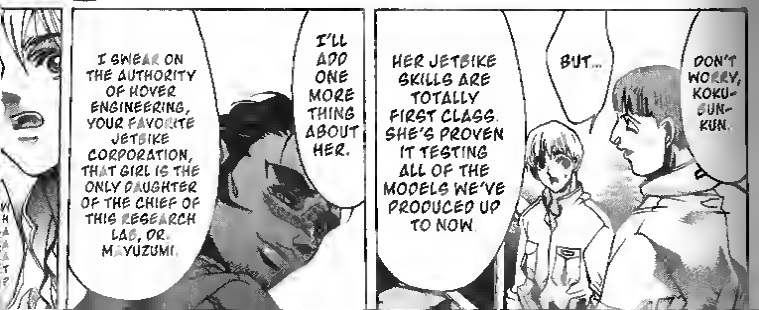
HELLO!

YAWWWN, I'M SO SLEEPY MAN.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S ALREADY NOON! YOU DRINK WAY TOO MUCH
HUH?

I WONDERED WHO THAT WAS! YOU'RE WORKING HARD FOR SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, KOKUBUN!!
KOKU-BUN?!
HEEEEEEY!
KOKUBUN!!!!
OH!
SENPAI!
WELL IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT HE'S WORKING HARD. THIS IS THE FIRST BIKE THAT HE'S WORKED ON SINCE HE WAS PICKED TO JOIN THE RESEARCH LAB
YES SIR!
WORKING HARD ON IT!!
EASY ON THE EARS.
HEY! IT LOOKS LIKE THE DRIVER WHO'S GONNA DETERMINE YOUR SUCCESS OR FAILURE IS HERE.
WELL, JUST DON'T MESS UP


DRIVER...! HUH? WAIT?
THAT GIRL?!!
??!
THEY'RE LETTING THAT KID RIDE THIS VALUABLE BIKE!?
YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH A KID, TOO.
HEEY! AI-CHAN! YOU GOT A MINUTE?

SAY HELLO TO THIS GUY.
KOKUBUN'S THE NEW KID WHO'S WORKING ON YOUR TEST BIKE.
HE'S JUST STARTING OUT, BUT HE'S GOT MAD SKILLS.


DON'T WORRY, KOKUBUN-KUN.
BUT...
HER JETBIKE SKILLS ARE TOTALLY FIRST CLASS. SHE'S PROVEN IT TESTING ALL OF THE MODELS WE'VE PRODUCED UP TO NOW
I'LL ADD ONE MORE THING ABOUT HER.
I SWEAR ON THE AUTHORITY OF HOVER ENGINEERING, YOUR FAVORITE JETBIKE CORPORATION, THAT GIRL IS THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE CHIEF OF THIS RESEARCH LAB, DR. MAYUZUMI.

HELLO!
MY NAME IS AI!
AI MAYUZUMI.

KOKUBUN AT YOUR SERVICE!
I...
S-SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF DR. MAZYUZUMI, MY HERO?!
.....?
NICE TO MEET YOU KOKUBUN-KUN!
THERE AREN'T TOO MANY PEOPLE MY AGE AROUND HERE, SO I'M HAPPY TO MEET YOU!
OH!!
UH HUH, PLEASED
I MEAN I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU UH.
UH..

UH... YES. THIS TIME WE REDESIGNED THE ENGINE RATHER THAN THE BODY.
I HEARD IT WAS A NEW DESIGN, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK MUCH DIFFERENT?
THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?! THE NEW ONE I'M GOING TO RIDE TODAY!!
OKAY, LET'S GET READY!!
WEAR YOUR LIFE-JACKET
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO IMPA-TIENT, A!
HEY HEY! CAN I TRY IT ALREADY?!
WE'VE INSTALLED A V-TYPE ENGINE, AND MAXIMIZED THE POWER CHANNEL..
UNKHH...

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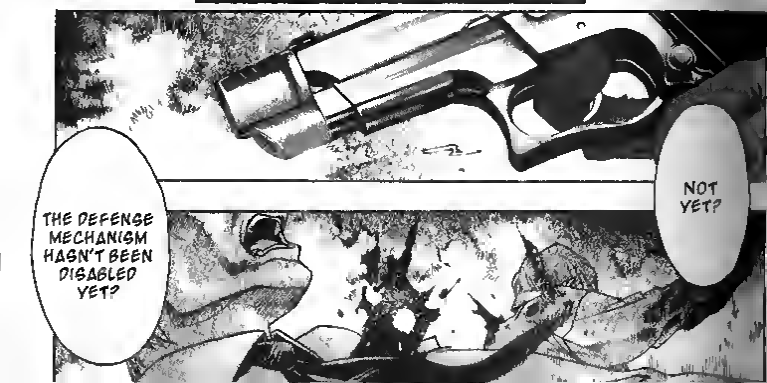
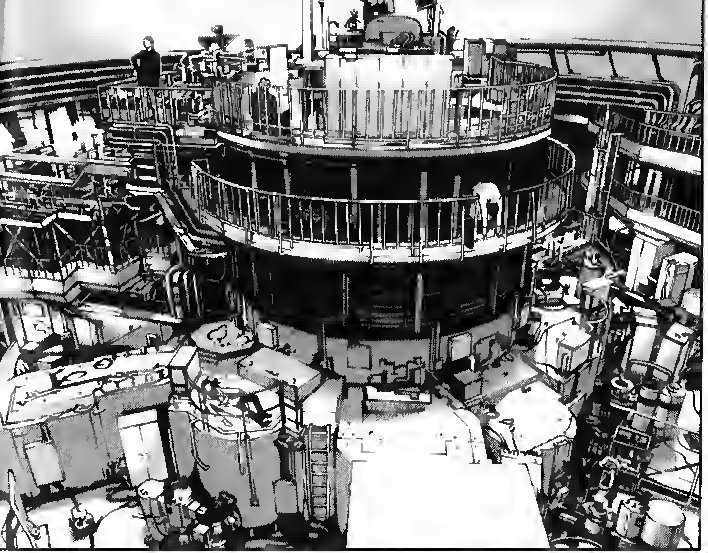
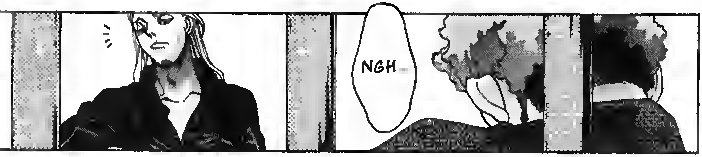




THE SHOGUN WILL BE PLEASED
NOW THAT WE HAVE THIS DATA...WE CAN PREDICT ALL DEEP SEA MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE CURRENTS

DONE.

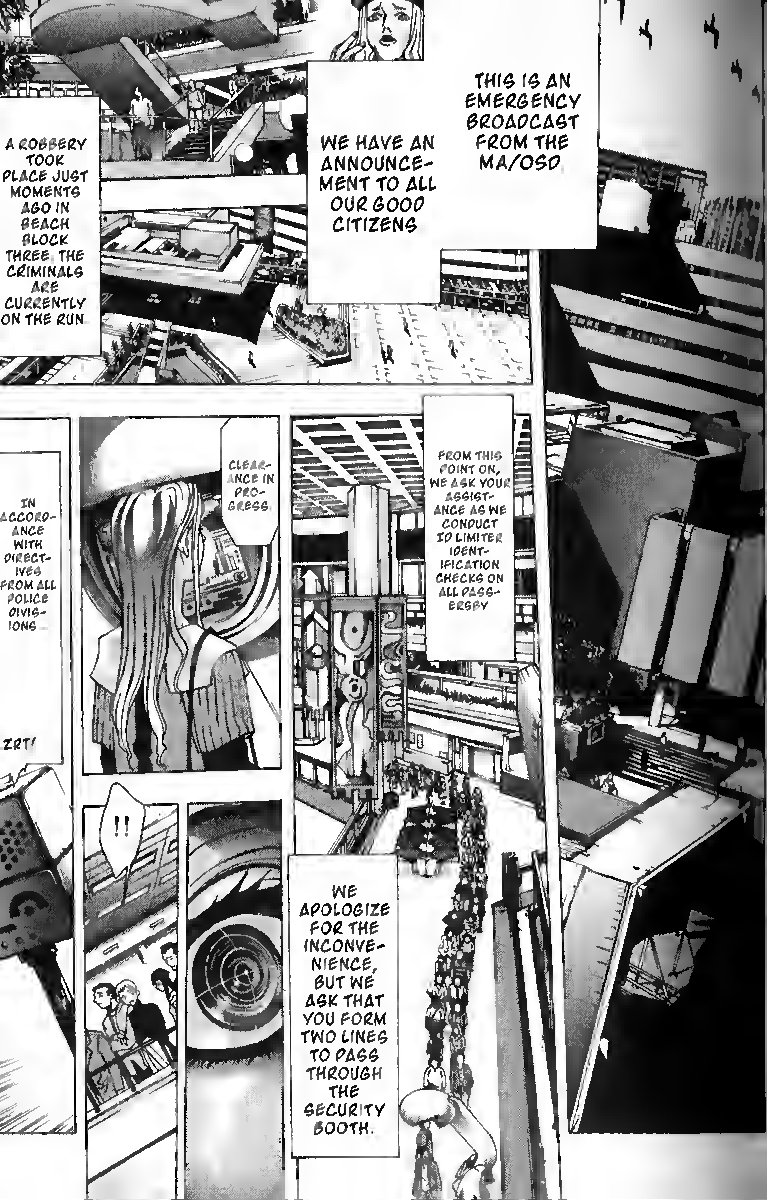

NGH...

YOU'RE WITH ER--

OH, MY GOD.
YOU...
THE SHOGUN..?!

ERROR..
WOW!
INCREDIBLE TORQUE!!
ARE YOU GOING TO MARKET THIS ONE?!
OF COURSE NOT!
IT'S TOO FAST, TOO LIGHT, AND IT CAN'T CORNER IT'S A MONSTER!
IT'S A ONE-OFF COMMISSION FROM A CERTAIN CORPORATION
HEY!
CAN I RIDE HER ALREADY?
KMMMM SHE'S AN INTERESTING MODEL
I'VE INSTALLED NEW REINFORCING RODS IN THE REAR SHAFT.
SO I NEED TO CHECK THE STABILITY.
WHAAAAT?

SAY THAT AGAIN
WHAT?
CANCELLED?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
HOW COULD YOU CANCEL THE TEST DRIVE NOW WHAT?!
WHAT?
THERE'S BEEN A THEFT OF DEEP SEA CURRENT DATA... AND HEADQUARTERS HAS SAID THAT THE POLICE ARE SHUTTING DOWN ALL OF THE WATER LOCKS LEADING TO THE PORT IN ORDER...
HOW COULD THEY!
LOOKS LIKE ERROR'S BEEN AT WORK...
YES.
MOROZUMI. WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S CANCELLED?!


A ROBBERY TOOK PLACE JUST MOMENTS AGO IN BEACH BLOCK THREE. THE CRIMINALS ARE CURRENTLY ON THE RUN.
WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL OUR GOOD CITIZENS
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY BROADCAST FROM THE MA/OSD.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVES FROM ALL POLICE DIVISIONS.
ZRT!
CLEARANCE IN PROGRESS.
FROM THIS POINT ON, WE ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE AS WE CONDUCT ID LIMITER IDENTIFICATION CHECKS ON ALL PASSERSBY.
!!
WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE, BUT WE ASK THAT YOU FORM TWO LINES TO PASS THROUGH THE SECURITY BOOTH.

THE CRIMINALS HAVE BLOWN THROUGH THE CHECKPOINT AT BEACH BLOCK SIX!
Niihama Block Police
IT APPEARS THAT SEVERAL CITIZENS HAVE BEEN INJURED OR KILLED!
CHIEF...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY STOLE MARINE AGENCY DATA
THIS MUST BE THE WORK OF ERROR!

MOMMY!
ERROR...
MOMMMMY!!

ERROR
THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVENT THAT RIPPED MY FAMILY APART. I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM!!
I CAN TAP THE FULL POWER OF THIS BABY AND CATCH THOSE THIEVES!
WHY'D THEY CANCEL MY RIDE?!
AI!!
YOU CAN'T GO!
I HAVEN'T FINISHED EXPLAINING THE HOVER CAPABILITIES OF THIS BIKE YET
AI-SAN?! PLEASE WAIT!
WHAT?!
WHAT?!

GUESS I DION'T NEED TO TELL HER HOW TO MAKE IT HOVER...
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING JUST STANDING THERE?

WHEN SHE HEARD ABOUT ERROR, HER EXPRESSION CHANGED...
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO AI.

ALSO, WHO OR WHAT IS ERROR?
ABOUT THE POLICE SHUTTING DOWN ALL OF THE WATER LOCKS... I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE IT
WHAT?!
UMMM MANAGER MOROZUMI ..
UH

I SEE
YOU'RE NEW HERE, SO YOU HAVEN'T HEARD YET, HAVE YOU?
THE ERROR THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT...
IS AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE FINAL OBJECTIVE IS TO FORCE US BACK UP TO THE SURFACE
SURFACE ?!
SO UNITS LIKE OURS, WHICH HANDLE FUNDS, MATERIALS, AND DATA FOR CORPORATE INTERESTS-- THE VERY THINGS THAT ERROR NEEDS TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVE-- WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO THWART THEM.
AS FAR AS THE CITIZENS ARE CONCERNED, THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ERROR'S EXISTENCE, BUT WE IN THE CORPORATE WORLD KNOW THEM AS TERRORISTS.
TER...
ROR
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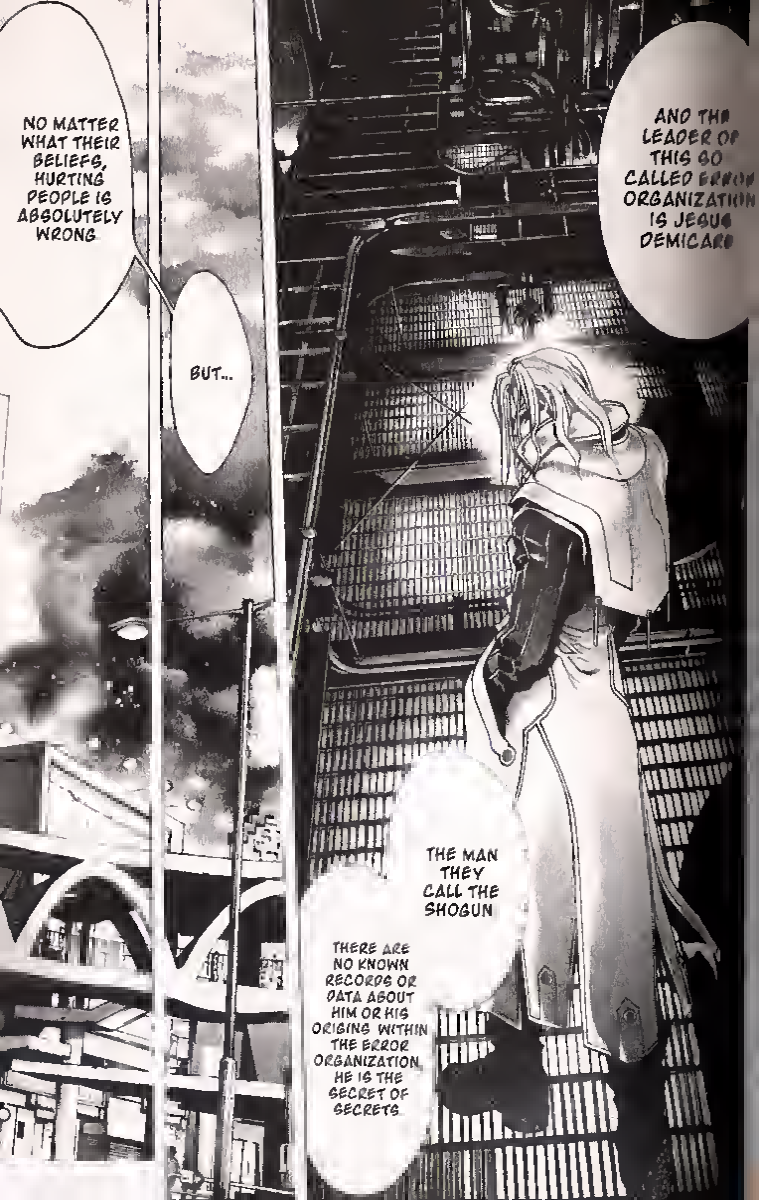
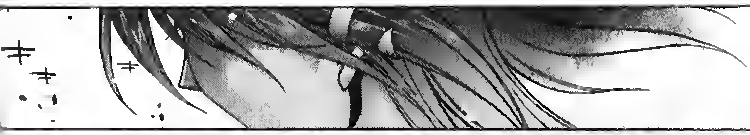
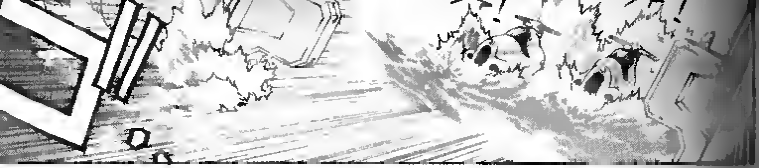

NO MATTER WHAT THEIR BELIEFS, HURTING PEOPLE IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG
BUT...
AND THE LEADER OF THIS SO CALLED ERROR ORGANIZATION IS JESUS DEMICARO
THE MAN THEY CALL THE SHOGUN
THERE ARE NO KNOWN RECORDS OR DATA ABOUT HIM OR HIS ORIGINS WITHIN THE ERROR ORGANIZATION. HE IS THE SECRET OF SECRETS

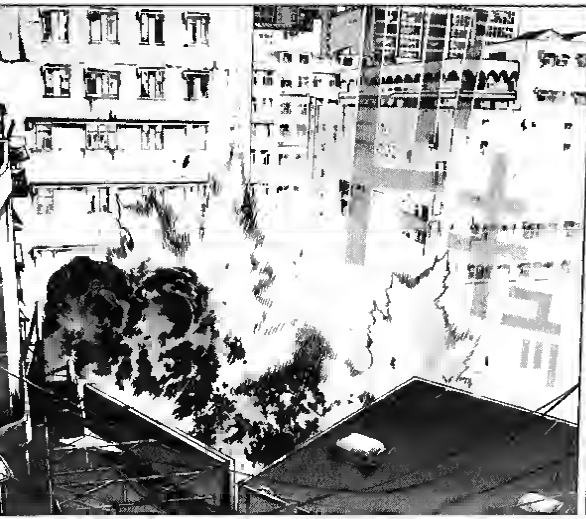


IT'S JUST LIKE IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...
...THAT TERRIBLE DAY.

I CAN NEVER FORGIVE...!!!
UNIT 201 TO HEADQUARTERS!
WE HAVE COMMENCED EVACUATION OF CITIZENS FROM THE CORDONED-OFF ZONE!!
THE MA/OSD WILL BEGIN THE SEQUENTIAL SHUTDOWN OF THE WATER LOCKS LEADING TO THE HARBOR!!
DON'T LET THE ERROR SHIP GET OUTSIDE!!!

HA HA HAAAAAAAA!
FUCKING POLICE! THEY CAN'T STOP US!!
SHUT UP, REX! CONCENTRATE ON DRIVING!!
COBY, WE'VE HACKED THE MARINE AGENCY'S WATERWAY GUIDANCE SYSTEM.
EASY AS PIE
L SHUT OWN DACH WATER Y K AS D FAGS ROUGH.





AAAAAAAGHHHHHH!!
WHA
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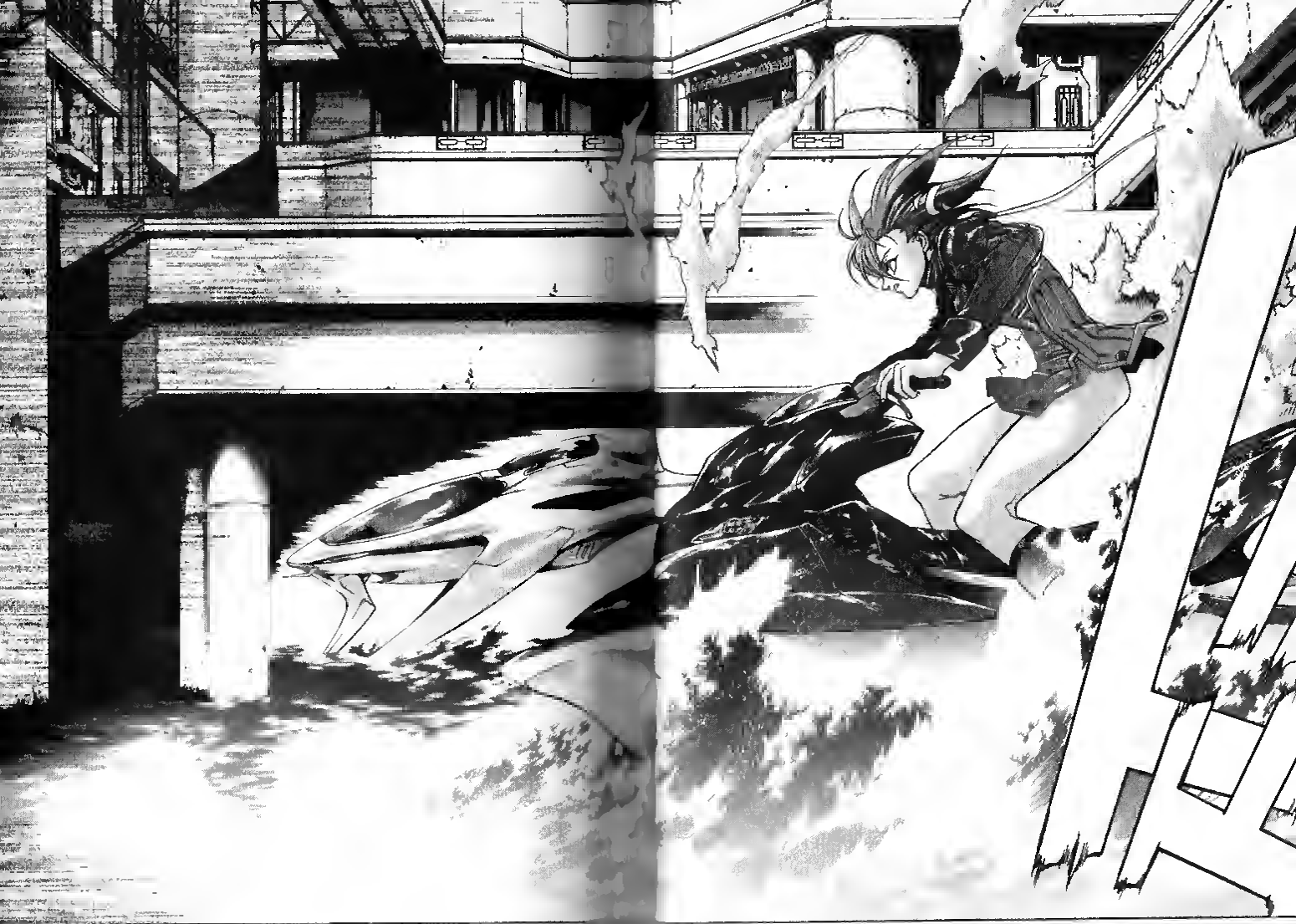
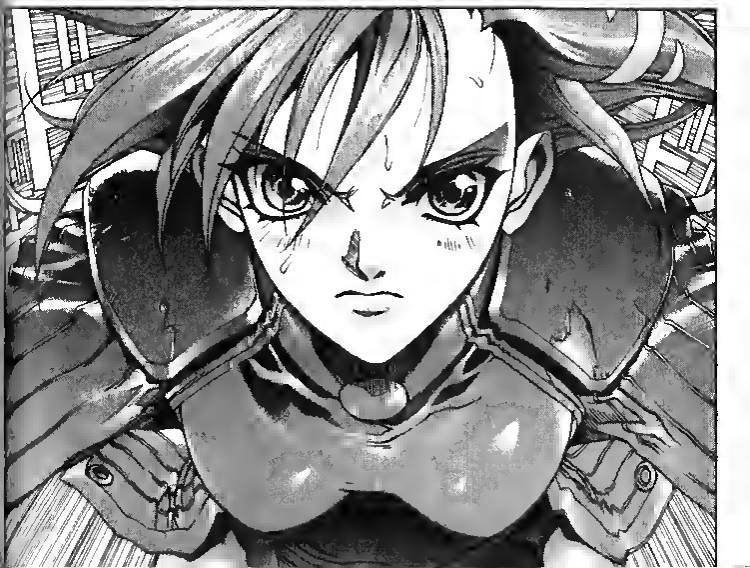
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!!
REX!! JUST SHUT UP AND CONCENTRATE!!
NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET OUTSIDE!!



WHAT?! WHAT'S WITH THESE WATER LOCKS SNAPPING SHUT LIKE THEY'RE OUT OF CONTROL?! IS ERROR DOING THIS?!
I CAUGHT UP TO THEM!
THEY AREN'T BIG ENOUGH TO STOP ME!

SHIT, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?! THAT PUNK!
SHE JUMPED ALL OF THE WATER LOCKS!
AND THE SPEED OF THAT BIKE, IT'S UNREAL!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER!
JUST WORRY ABOUT GETTING US OUTSIDE!!
OH MY GOD...
THAT KID.
SHE OULDN'T BE A TELNAS, COULD SHE ?



?!
THERE'S NO WAY!! THERE'S NO WAY THAT KID COULD BELONG TO OUR ARCHENEMY?!
REEEEEEX!! SHUT UP!! JUST SHUT UP AND DRIVE!!
WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT OUT! IT'S THE HARBOR!!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS GO SUBMARINE AND WE'LL BE OUTSIDE!
AND WITH JUST A JETBIKE, THAT KID WILL BE HISTORY!
SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US ANYMORE

YOU'RE THE SPECIAL AGENTS OUT TO DESTROY ERROR
YOU ...
YOU'RE STELNAS!!
WHAT!? STELNAS!?
WHAT?
PWAAAHH!!
BE A GOOD BOY AND GIVE BACK THE DATA YOU STOLE FROM THE MARINE AGENCY'S SEA CURRENT STUDY LAB
I HOPE YOUR ABILITY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT COMES NEXT IS AS GOOD
YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT SO LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE

HOW WERE YOU ABLE O PINPOINT WHICH HARBOR THAT WE ESCAPED TO?
...HOW?
KID?
SO THAT KID WAS PART OF YOUR GROUP AFTER ALL.
WE SHOULD HAVE JUST KILLED HER INSTEAD OF TRYING TO OUTRUN HER
WE RECOVERED THE FAKE IDS YOU USED TO BREAK INTO THE MARINE AGENCY'S WATER LOCK GUIDANCE SYSTEM... THE ONES YOU USED TO THROW OFF THE POLICE.
AFTER THAT, WHILE THOSE GUYS WERE BUMBLING AROUND, WE JUST TRACKED THE SOURCE OF THE FAKE IDS
THE RROR UYS AVE UNS!!
BE CAREFUL!!
WE'VE JUST GOT NO LUCK AT ALL
OH BOY
!

REX!! GET THE JETBIKES READY!
WE'RE GETTING OUTTA HERE!!
MORPHEUS, GRAB THE DEEP SEA CURRENT DATA!!
ERGH!

AGHHH!

WHO ARE THOSE WOMEN...
OH!!
KNOW. WHEN OVERHEARD MY FATHER TALKING WITH HAT BIG SHOT ROM THE DEED EA NINE CITY SSOCIATION!!
I'VE HEARD THE NAME STELNAS SOMEWHERE.
ITS NAME WAS STELNAS!!
THEY SAID THAT THERE WAS A COVERT ORGANIZATION SECRETLY POLICING ERROR!!

SHE'S STILL ALIVE?!
THAT KID!
SHIT!! I CAN'T BELIEVE BOTH OF THEM WERE TAKEN OUT...
CODY ROX!!
AND NOW I CAN'T EVEN BRING THE DEEP SEA CURRENT DATA TO THE SHOGUN..
THIS ALL WENT BAD BECAUSE WE GOT DELAYED BY THAT KID.
AT THE VERY LEAST, I'M TAKING THAT KID DOWN WITH ME_!!
??!

IF ONLY YOU HADN'T COME CHASING AFTER US!
KEI! DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS THERE!?
WHAT? WHO'S THAT GIRL?!
KOUHEI! MOVE THE BOAT!!
SINCE WHEN WAS SHE THERE?

I'M NOT RUNNING!!
RUN!!
YOU!!

NO WAY

KOUREI!
HURRY UP AND PULL THAT KID OUT!
UH...
OKAY!!
KEI? THIS IS EMILY.
WE'VE RECOVERED THE DEEP SEA CURRENT DATA FROM THE ERROR PEOPLE'S SHIP! THEY WERE KIND ENOUGH TO LOCK THE PROGRAMS UNDER SEVERAL DIFFICULT LAYERS
BUT YOU KNOW HOW I'M NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL, BUT ALSO A GENIUS? WELL, I HAD THIS BRILLIANT INSPIRATION YOU SEE
WHAT A RECKLESS KID!!
SHE RAMMED RIGHT INTO THE ERROR GUY!

I'M TELLING YOU THAT THE DATA IS SAFE! ARE YOU LISTENING? KEI?!
HEY!! YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO TAKE A DIG?!
KAFF!
HUUYCK!
KAFF!
KOURE!
Y'KNOW ?!
KEI...
IF SHE HADN'T DONE IT, WE WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF HIM.
YOU'VE GOT GUTS!!
YOU! THAT WAS AMAZING! I CAN'T BELIEVE YO WERE ABLE TO RAM HI FROM THAT ANGLE!!
HUFF!
HUFF!

BUT...
YOU'RE ONE AMAZING KID. YOU DECIDED TO FIGHT INSTEAD OF RUN.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
RIGHT THEN...

MY NAME IS AI MAYUZUMI.
HELLO.
MY HEART WAS BEATING ALMOST OUT OF CONTROL.
THIS MEETING WAS THE FIRST STEP INTO A BRAND NEW WORLD FOR ME... UNCHARTED TERRITORY!!

... OR SO I THOUGHT...

AAAAAAGHHHH!!
YOU... YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS AI?

Y-
YES!
THEN THIS IS GOODBYE, AI.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO DUMP YOU IN SUCH A DESERTED SPOT. BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GO HOME ALONE FROM HERE.
YOUR JETBIKE IS PARKED ...
... A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY.
FORGET ABOUT US.
YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK TO THE POLICE AND GET CAUGHT UP IN AN ANNOYING INVESTIGATION, DO YOU?

HOW COULD YOU JUST TAKE OFF LIKE THAT...
HOW COULD YOU...
TAKE ME WITH YOU...
WAIT A MINUTE!!
WHAT? NO!!
WAIT...

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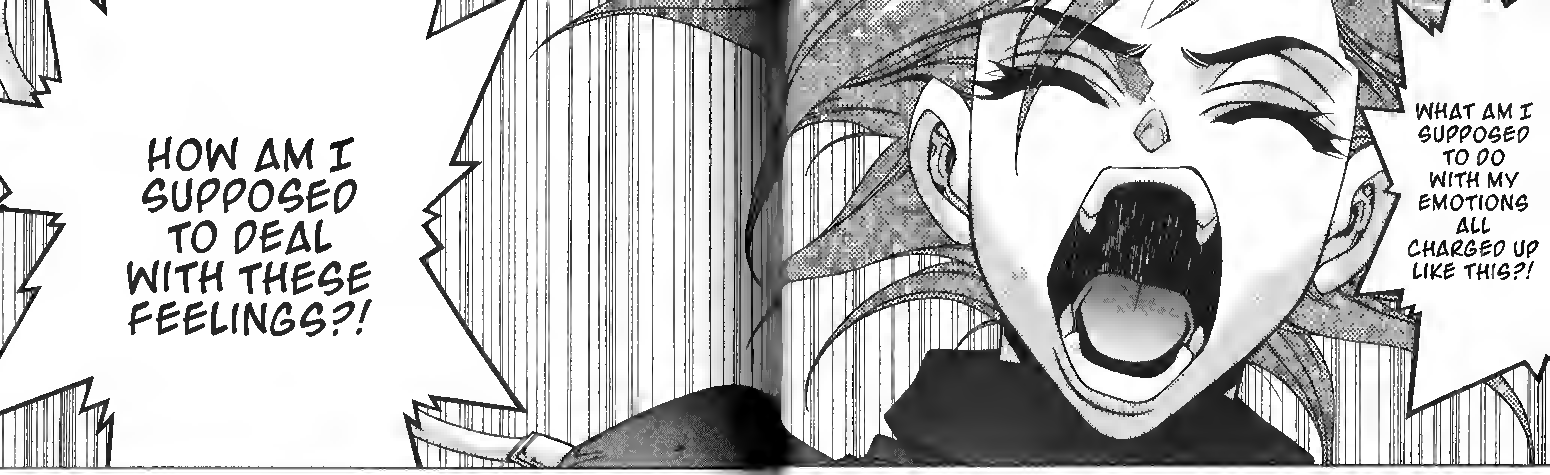
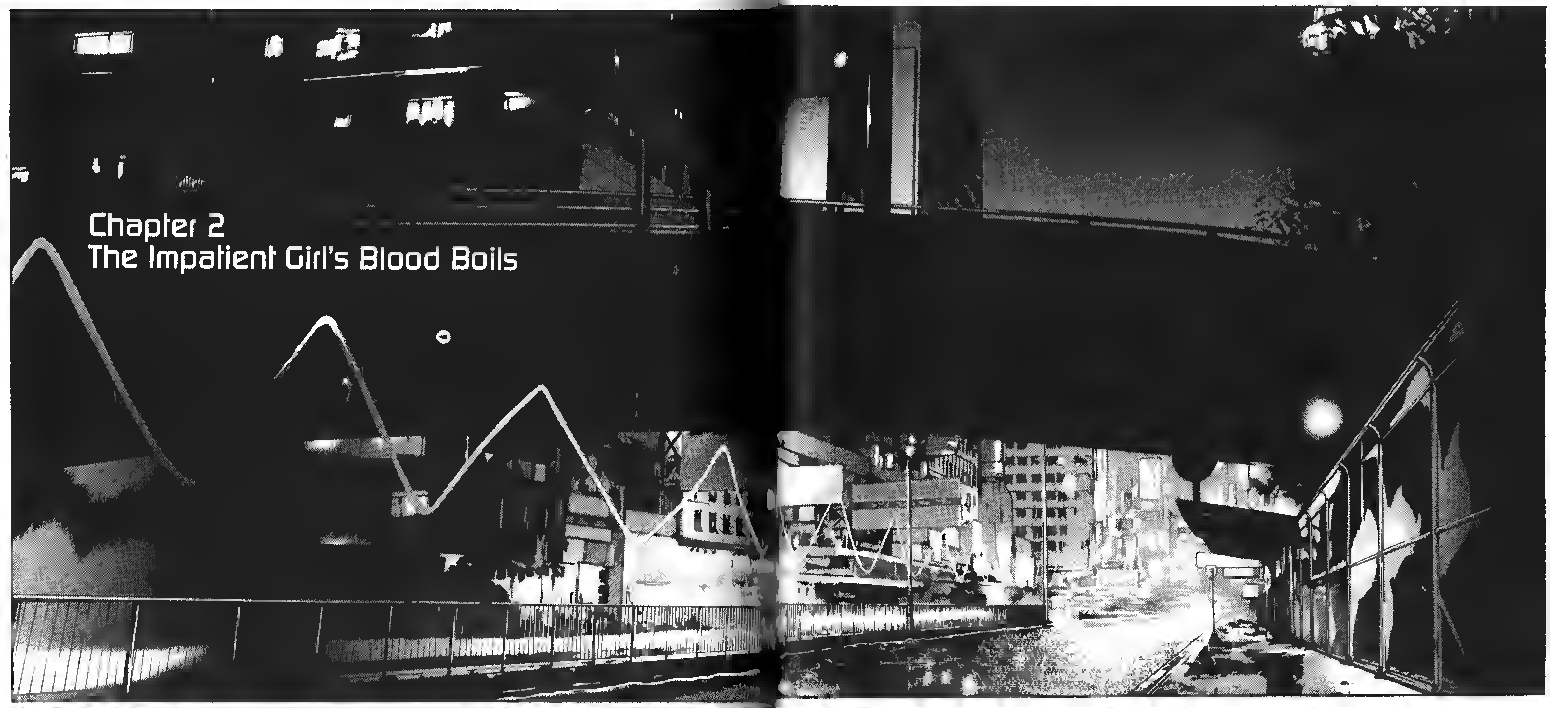

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH THESE FEELINGS?!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH MY EMOTIONS ALL CHARGED UP LIKE THIS?!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CLUB ALUM

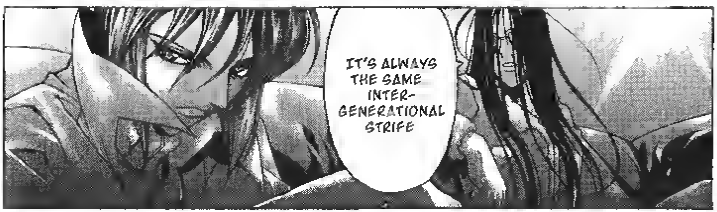
I USED TO LOVE THIS SONG...
SAME OLD CLUB...
HEY!

REALLY? I'M JUST REAL BUSY THESE DAYS.
WHAT'S UP? YOU HAVEN'T SHOWN UP AT ALL LATELY.
IF IT ISN'T AI! LONG TIME NO SEE!
HEY, LET'S DO SOME-THING AFTER ...
THERE'S A NEW SINGLE OUT.
SAME OLD CONVERSATIONS...
HEY, DID YOU HEAR THE LATEST SONG FROM KONEHO?
IT'S BORING...

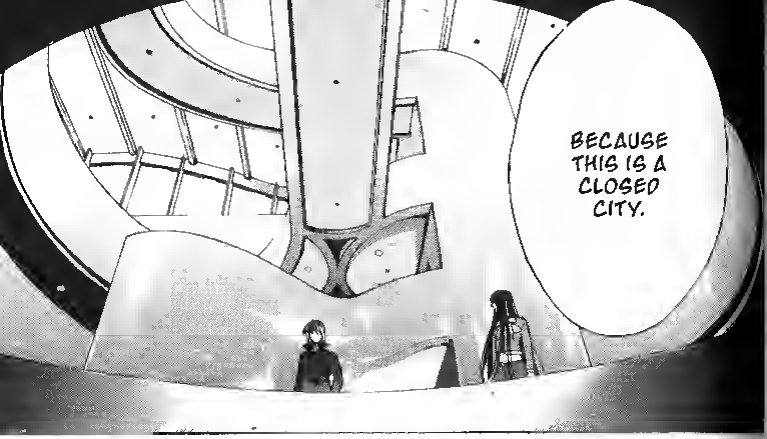
I CAN'T FIND THE SAME EXCITEMENT THAT I FELT DURING THE DAY HERE...
!!
HEY!!
IT'S NOT CONSIDERED WHOLESOME FOR YOUNGSTERS TO BE OUT THIS LATE AT NIGHT.
WHY DON'T WE DO SOMETHING UNWHOLESOME TOGETHER?
HEY OLD MAN, WHY ARE YOU MESSING WITH US? GO AWAY.
GRANDPA!!
HANDS OFF OUR FRIEND!
I'M JUST OFFERING TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN GENERATIONS
TO YOU MORONS!

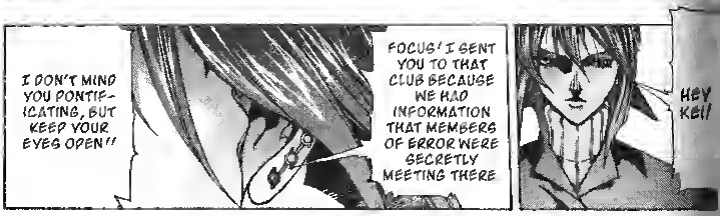
IN THE END, YOU FIFTH GENERATION FOOLS ARE AN APATHETIC GENERATION WITH NO PLACE TO GO.
WELL ... GETTING ALONG OR NOT, IT'S NO USE TRYING TO TALK TO YOU PEOPLE.
WHOA?!
WHAT ?!
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU OLDER GENERATION FOLKS, TOO
YOU LIKE TO MAKE FUN OF US KIDS.
BUT I THINK YOU'RE THE APATHETIC GENERATION!

GO GET HIM, TERRY!
YOU DAMN PUNKS! YOU THINK YOU KNOW IT ALL!
IT'S PRETTY NOISY DOWNSTAIRS

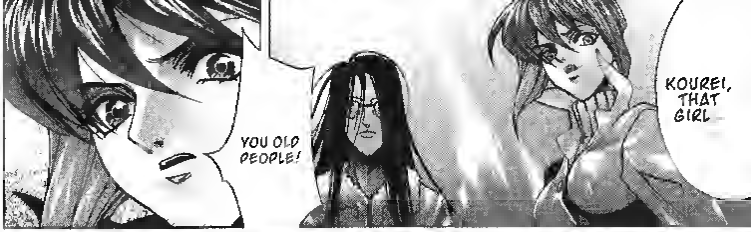

IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME INTER-GENERATIONAL STRIFE

THEY'VE GOT NO PLACE TO VENT THEIR ANGER AND FRUSTRATION, YET THEY HAVE TO CONTINUE LIVING TOGETHER...
IN THIS CITY, REGARDLESS OF WHICH GENERATION YOU'RE FROM, THERE'S A PERVASIVE FEELING OF BEING TRAPPED.


BECAUSE THIS IS A CLOSED CITY.


I DON'T MIND YOU PONTIFICATING, BUT KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!!
FOCUS! I SENT YOU TO THAT CLUB BECAUSE WE HAD INFORMATION THAT MEMBERS OF ERROR WERE SECRETLY MEETING THERE
HEY KEI!

I KNOW, EMILY


YOU OLD PEOPLE!
KOUREI, THAT GIRL

SO WHEN I HEAR THAT VOICE IN MY HEAD ASKING "WHO ARE YOU?" I CAN GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER!
YOU ALWAYS THINK YOU CAN END EVERYTHING BY SAYING WE'RE APATHETIC! WELL, I'M NOT! I BELIEVE IN MYSELF!

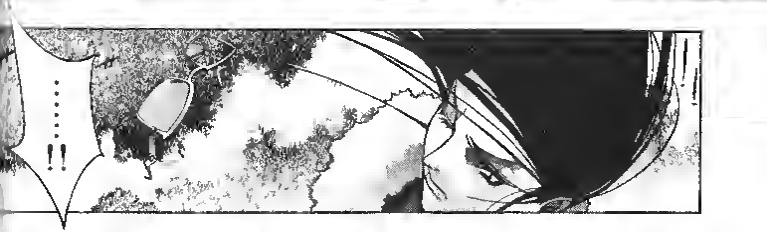
I CAN SAY WITH CONFIDENCE, "MY NAME IS AI!"

WHAT?
KEI! DID YOU HEAR WHAT SHE SAID?!
THAT'S THE MESSAGE THAT CAME FROM ABOVE-GROUND
THE WORDS...
THAT WERE UNCOVERED AFTER THE ENCRYPTED NOISE WAS DECODED
!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT KID?
HOW CAN SHE KNOW THE WORDS THAT ONLY MEMBERS OF ERROR CAN HEAR?

SOMEBODY OTHER THAN US RESPONDED TO THOSE WORDS.
KOUREI, THERE HE IS.
I'LL GO CATCH HIM.
HEY!!
KOUREI
!!
THERE SHE GOES

CO♯YYYYYYYYY!!!
A FIGHT'S STARTED OVER HERE TOO!!
DO IT! DO IT!!!
ALL RIGHT!
DON'T GO OVER-BOARD, KOURE!
DON'T BE SO IRRESPONSIBLE!
YOU!
YOU'RE WITH ERROR, AREN'T YOU?
BLACK HAIR?!
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING! GET OUT OF MY WAY!
WHAT THE HELL?!
HEY! SOME BLACK-HAIRED CHICK JUST JUMPED FROM THE SECOND FLOOR!!

STELNAS!!!
THEN THAT WOULD MAKE YOU ONE OF THE PEOPLE ROUNDING UP ERROR AGENTS...
THE ONES EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT...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AH!

HE SHOT AT HER
A GUN...

EMILY! WE'VE FAILED TO CAPTURE OUR TARGET! WE'RE LEAVING THE LOCATION!
OH NO! IF I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN I WOULD HAVE LEAPED IN, TOO
WE MESSED UP...!!
WHAAAAAAT?!
UH... OKAY.
IF THEY FIND OUT AT SCHOOL WE WERE HERE IT'LL REALLY BE BAD!
A!!! WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE WE GET CAUGHT UP IN THIS!
THAT WOMAN...
SHE'S THE SAME ONE FROM THIS AFTERNOON...

SHIT! WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED!
THE POLICE!!!

SOME OF THEM MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS AFTERNOON'S ROBBERY!!!
ARREST ALL OF THEM!!!
SO THESE MUST BE THE RIOTERS THE CLUB OWNER CALLED US ABOUT!

DON'T WORRY. THEY PROBABLY GOT CALLED IN BECAUSE OF THE RIOT BEFORE THE SHOOTING
I'M SORRY, KEI!
IT APPEARS THAT THE FRONT ENTRANCE HAS ALREADY BEEN SEALED.
I KNOCKED THIS ERROR GUY OUT. I'LL TAKE CARE OF BRINGING HIM IN.
THAT'S TRUE.
BUT MORE IMPORTANT, WE MUST AVOID ANY CONTACT BETWEEN WE STELNAS AND THE POLICE.
MEET ME AT EMILY'S SHIP!!
IT'S THE STELNAS!
I KNEW IT!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HERE, TOO
IT'S BEEN LOCKED OFF!!
?!
WHAT ABOUT THE WINDOW?!
CAN'T USE THE STAIRS
HERE'S AN OPENING!!
OH NO!! A DEAD END!!!

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DOWN HERE!!
THE POLICE HAVEN'T BLOCKED OFF THIS WAY YET!!
IF STELNAS AND THE POLICE CROSS PATHS WITHOUT CAUSE, MY FATHER AND HIS COMPANY ARE SCREWED. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ALL FOUR SIDES HAVE BEEN SEALED OFF!!
HURRY!!!
JUMP!!
?!

SHIT!
GET THEM!!
SOMEBODY WENT THIS WAY!!
HERE WE GO!!
AI!!
YOU'RE...!
I KNOW MY WAY AROUND THE BACK STREETS, SO LEAVE IT TO ME!!
I HANG OUT AROUND THESE CANALS A LOT!!!
SO... DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

I'D OWE YOU MY THANKS, EITHER WAY.
I REMEMBER YOU.
PHEWWWW.
THIS ROUTE MIGHT BE BAD.
HMMMM.
WHAT IS IT?
?!!
THE POLICE!!
BUT

HEY!!
WHAT?
HEY
WE'RE GOING THROUGH //
HANG ON TIGHT!!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

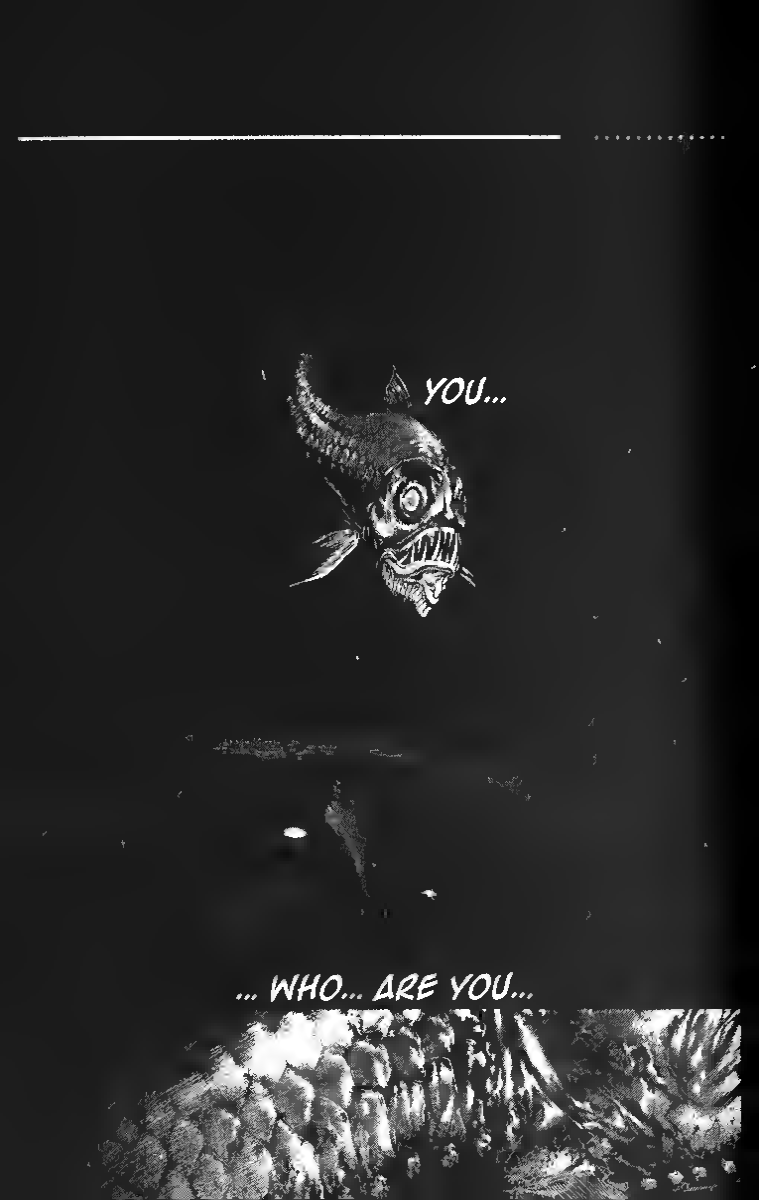
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! EVEN IF YOU DODGE THE POLICE CARS THERE'S STILL A BLOCKADE!
DON'T WORRY!! JUST SHIFT YOUR WEIGHT WITH ME!!
WE'RE GOING TO JUMP IT!!

WE'RE FINE, JUST LIKE I SAID, RIGHT?
SEE?
IT'S AMAZING...!!
HER DRIVING TECHNIQUE..
UH...
.....
WHO IS THIS AI...?
YOU'RE...
IT'S BEEN BUGGING ME SINCE YOU RESCUED ME THIS AFTERNOON...
WHAT?

KATE ROZENMAN. OF.
...UNIFY COMPANY, RIGHT?
HM?
HEY!! SHE FELL OFF?
KEI-SAN?!

HUH?
OHHH...
OH, DAMMIT!
SHE DISAPPEARED AGAIN!

THAT GIRL...
WHY DOES SHE KNOW MY NAME?


YOU...
... WHO... ARE YOU...

YOU...
WHO... ARE YOU...

UNGH...
TIME... IS RUNNING OUT...
DURING WHICH THIS VOICE... CAN STILL BE HEARD...

Da-Scan
Daphne
Chapter 03
Scanned by Serly's Tenshi
Cleaned by RayCP

Chapter 3
The Closed City
...IT SO HAP-PENED..
AND IN THIS YEAR...
THAT'S AI'S CLASS PLAYING SOCCER.
OH...!

OHHHH
SHE LET THE BALL GET STOLEN!
AND THERE SHE GOES CHASING AFTER THE THIEF
AI REALLY NEVER GIVES UP, DOES SHE?
!
THAT'S IT, TAKE THE BALL BACK!
HEY, SHE CAUGHT HER!

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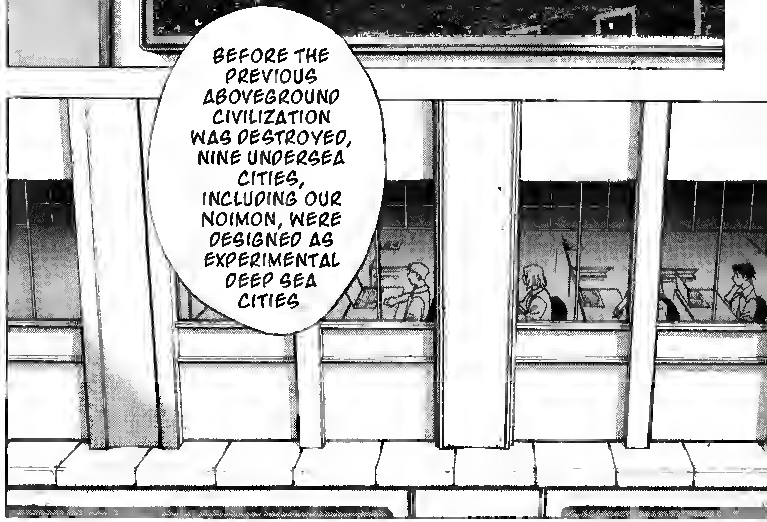
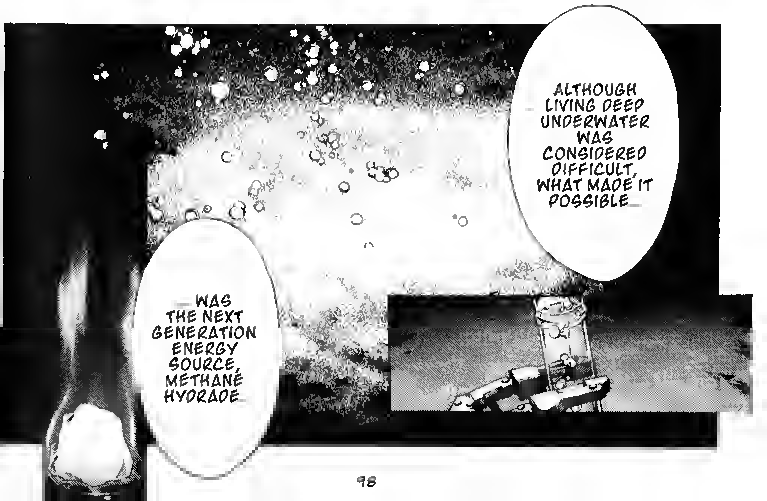
YES, MA'AM ?!
TAKANAGHI-SAN!!!
YEAH!!!
I'M SORRRY
HOW ABOUT CONCEN-TRATING ON CLASS-WORK?
YOU SEEM TO BE FOCUSED ON WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE.
THE ORIGIN OF THE DEEP SEA CITIES
I'D LIKE TO SUMMARIZE.
SINCE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
WELL NOW,


BEFORE THE PREVIOUS ABOVEGROUND CIVILIZATION WAS DESTROYED, NINE UNDERSEA CITIES, INCLUDING OUR NOIMON, WERE DESIGNED AS EXPERIMENTAL DEEP SEA CITIES

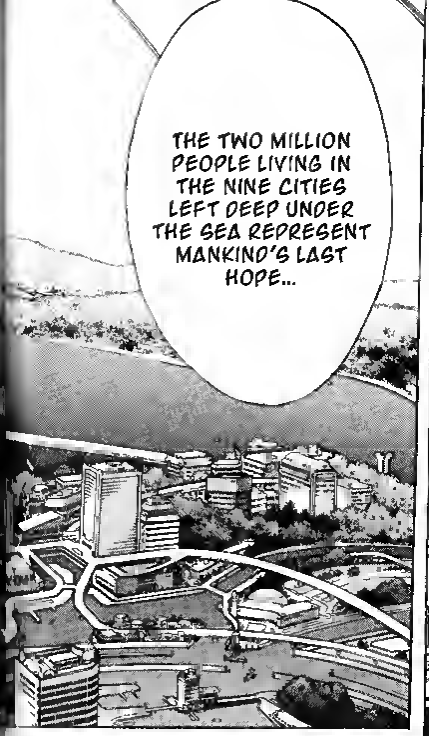

ALTHOUGH LIVING DEEP UNDERWATER WAS CONSIDERED DIFFICULT, WHAT MADE IT POSSIBLE...
...WAS THE NEXT GENERATION ENERGY SOURCE, METHANE HYDRATE

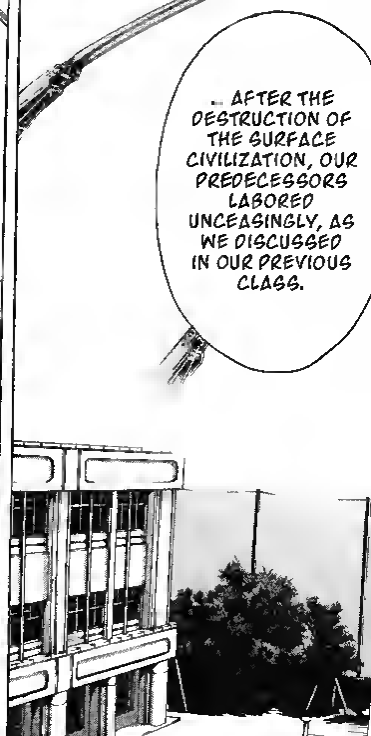
SIMULTANEOUSLY, BEGINNING WITH NANOMACHINES, THE TECHNOLOGY TO CONTROL THE ENVIRONMENT FOR OPTIMAL HUMAN LIVING CONDITIONS WAS DEVELOPED.

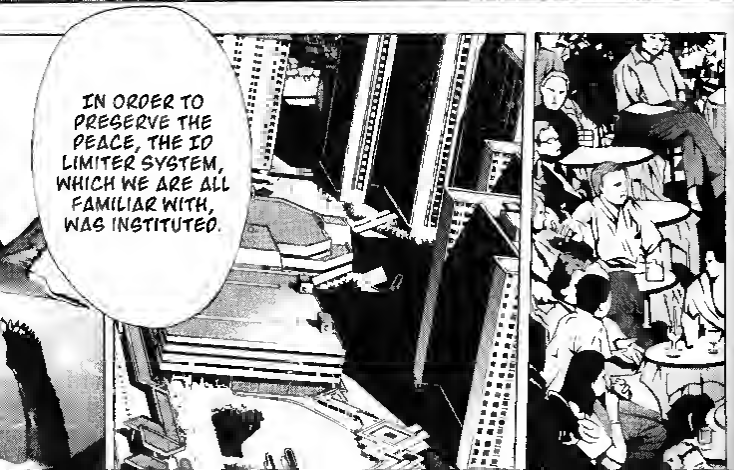
AND SHORTLY AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL UNDERWATER CITIES UTILIZING METHANE HYDRATE GENERATORS.

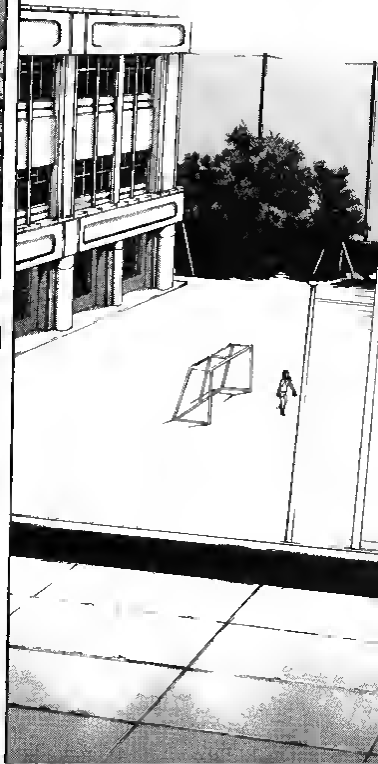
— COMMUNICATION WITH THE SURFACE WAS SUDDENLY LOST

... AND SO WE DECIDED TO REMAIN LIVING UNDER THE SEA.


THE TWO MILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NINE CITIES LEFT DEEP UNDER THE SEA REPRESENT MANKIND'S LAST HOPE...


... AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SURFACE CIVILIZATION, OUR PREDECESSORS LABORED UNCEASINGLY, AS WE DISCUSSED IN OUR PREVIOUS CLASS.


IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE PEACE, THE ID LIMITER SYSTEM, WHICH WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH, WAS INSTITUTED.



AND BECAUSE OF THE ID LIMITER SYSTEM, SOCIAL ORDER HAS BEEN MAINTAINED IN THIS WORLD!

SIGHHHHH.
I JUST CAN'T GET MOTIVATED! I CAN'T GET MOTIVATED! I SO CAN'T GET MOTIVATED!!!
AND I HAVE NO APPETITE EITHER SIGH..
REALLY?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE SIGHING SO MUCH, AI

NMMMHHH
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO EAT?!
YES, I'D LIKE ANOTHER MISO RAMEN!
YOU DEFINITELY DON'T SEEM VERY CHEERFUL TODAY
HER APPETITE IS A DIFFERENT MATTER THOUGH...
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BOTH TIMES SHE SLIPPED THROUGH MY FINGERS..
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO PERFECTION...
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?!
HUH?
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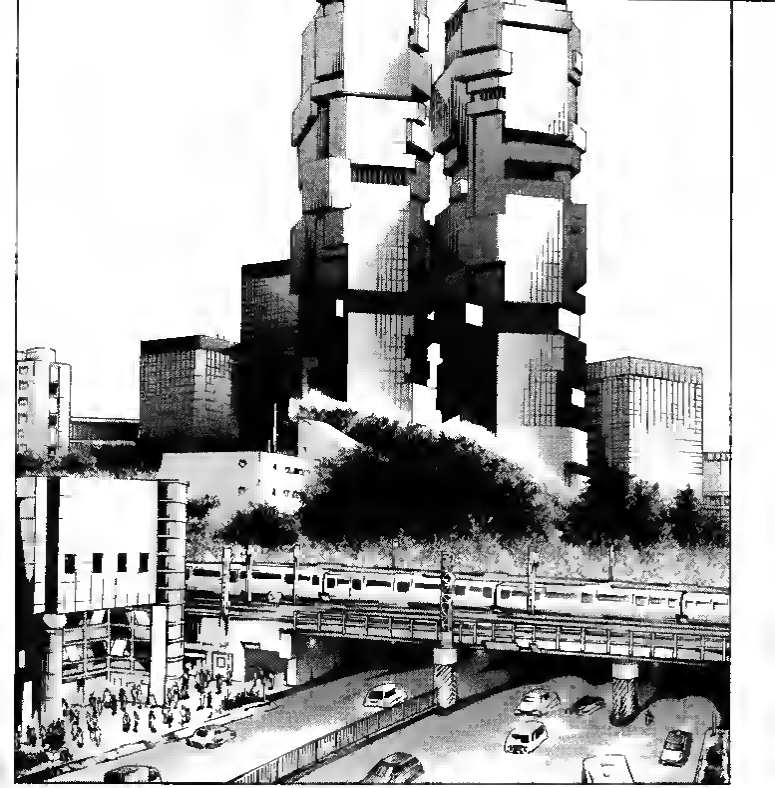
AM I...
...EVER GOING TO SEE HER AGAIN...?



UNIFY COMPANY, DEVELOPER AND OVERSEERS OF THE ID LIMITER SYSTEM
AFTER ALL, IT'S THE BIGGEST CORPORATION IN NOIMON, AND IT SUPPORTS THE CORE OF THE DEEP SEA NINE CITIES ASSOCIATION
OH... JUST THINKING... EVERY TIME I COME TO YOUR COMPANY, IT INTIMIDATES ME.
WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT FOR? WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR OUR TWO O'CLOCK MEETING.

!
HAROLD SOMETHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT ANYMORE, IS IT? C'MON, LET'S GO
HEY?!
THAT'S AN OLD MODEL GAUCHO FROM PICARD MOTORS, YOU SEE THAT!
WOWWWW. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN ONE DRIVEN. IS IT A FULLY RESTORED MODEL?
OH BOY! THERE YOU GO YOU RETRO CAR FREAK ARE OLD CARS REALLY THAT GREAT?
OH OF COURSE! WHAT KIND OF MILLIONAIRE IS DRIVING THAT THING!?

DON'T TELL ME SHE WORKS HERE?!
HEY, SHE'S YOUNG...
AND BEAU-TIFUL...
ONE OF?
SHE'S ONE OF THE COMPANY CELEBRITIES
OH, THAT'S MISS YAN KOUREI
IN A WAY, THEY'RE LIKE PRECIOUS FLOWERS
THAT CAN'T BE TOUCHED
THEY HAVE THEIR OWN DIVISION AND OWN FLOOR
SHE'S WORKS DIRECTLY FOR THE DAUGHTER OF THE CHAIRMAN OF UNIFY COMPANY, MISS KATE

KIRIKO!!
KIRIKO, ARE YOU HERE?!
I NEVER HEARD A WORD FROM HER AFTER ALL THAT!!
DID KEI COME BACK LAST NIGHT?!

WHERE'S EMILY?!
WHY ISN'T SHE IN HER OFFICE? DON'T TELL ME SHE'S STILL SLEEPING?!
EMILY!! WAKE UP!!
IT'S ALREADY PAST NOON!!
NMMHHHH
WHAT THE HELL, KOUREI?!

YOU'RE SO LOUD!
I WAS PUTTING MY ASS OUT THERE UNTIL LATE LAST NIGHT TO GATHER INFORMATION! WHY CAN'T YOU LET ME SLEEP A LITTLE MORE!
HMPH!
PEEEEET~

KEI!!
YOU LIKE CAUSING TROUBLE AS SOON AS YOU GET TO WORK, DON'T YOU KOUREI?
LOOK, YOU! YOU COULD HAVE CALLED TO LET ME KNOW YOU GOT HOME SAFELY..
YOU NEVER EVEN SHOWED UP ON EMILY'S SHIP EITHER!
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY NO NEED TO YELL

I HAD A BIT OF AN ACCIDENT LAST NIGHT
SO...
BUT MORE IMPORTANT-

IT WASN'T VERY ELEGANT, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE HIM TALK ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S SECRET MEETING.
JUST AS WE THOUGHT, THEY WERE PLANNING TO ESCAPE TO ELPIDA WITH THE GROUP THAT STOLE THE MARINE AGENCY DATA.
KEI... DON'T YOU THINK YOU WENT A LITTLE TOO FAR?
WHOA.
OH, KEI DIDN'T DO THAT. IT SEEMS THE CHAIRMAN HIMSELF WAS HERE UNTIL JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
THEN THIS WAS THE WORK OF THE CHAIRMAN'S PERSONAL GUARDS? HOW UNPLEASANT.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME EVEN IF THE CHAIRMAN DIDN'T DO IT.
I PROMISE WE'RE GOING TO WIPE OUT ERROR!

FOR THE CHAIRMAN...?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY FATHER!
I'M DOING IT TO PRESERVE ORDER IN THIS WORLD!!
AND BESIDES...
THIS IS MY OWN PERSONAL BATTLE, AS WELL.

WIPE OUT ERROR? YOU'RE NOTHING BUT GOVERNMENT DOGS
COUGH!
YOU'RE GOING TO
IT'S HOPELESS ...
AS LONG AS THE SHOGUN LIVES, ERROR WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST... AND...
YOU WITNESSED IT LAST NIGHT.
...AS LONG AS THERE IS DISCONTENT OVER THE CONTROL OF THIS CLOSED WORLD...

NO MATTER HOW HARD THE DEEP SEA NINE CITIES ASSOCIATION MIGHT WANT TO CONTROL THE PEOPLE, OUR MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE
LIKE THAT LITTLE GIRL...
YOU'RE SAYING THAT AI IS A MEMBER OF ERROR?

IT CAN'T BE... NOT HER?!
HEY.
KEI?!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT AI COULD BE ONE OF YOU!!!

SEE YA! DON'T EAT TOO MUCH AT DINNER, AI.
OKAY, THEN.
SEE YA TOMOR-ROW!
I KNOW!
THAT KID?!
YEAH, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

LAST NIGHT, THAT KID DEFINITELY REPEATED THE WORDS
STRAIGHT FROM THE VOICE THAT ONLY WE CAN HEAR